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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR DEP. ASST. SEC' Y. R. E. BELL;
IOANES, ADMINISTRATOR/ FAS; MEADE, ADMINISTRATOR/ EMS; AND
THOMASSON, G AND F/ FAS.

E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT:

1. SUMMARY: GOJ' S MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, IN
RESPONSE TO RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON PHASE IV, ARE SENDING A
GRAIN AND OIL SEED TEAM TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SUPPLY AND
PROCUREMENT POLICIES FOR GRAIN AND OIL SEESS WITH U. S. DEPART-
MENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.
2. TO CONFIRM. WE UNDERSTAND MR. MATSUOKA, JAPAN' S AGRI-
CULTURAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, HAS CLEARED APPOINTMENTS WITH
USDA FOR A FOUR- MAN GOJ MAF TEAM TO VISIT USDA JULY 5 AND 6.
TEAM PURPOSE WILL BE TO DISCUSS GRAIN AND OIL SEED SUPPLY
SITUATION, TO ADVISE USDA OF JAPAN' S FORTHCOMING REQUIREMENTS,
AND TO SEEK ASSURANCES THAT JAPAN' S NEEDS WILL BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT IF AND WHEN EXPORT CONTROLS FOR THESE COMMODITIES
ARE REQUESTED.
3. TEAM COMPOSITION EXPECTED TO BE: MR. MAMORU SAWABE,
COUNCILLOR, MINISTRY' S SECRETARIAT - TEAM LEADER; MR. KAKUYA
YAMAMOTO, COUNCILOR, ANIMAL INDUSTRY BUREAU - FEED GRAINS;
MR. YOICHI SHIMIZU, DIRECTOR, IMPORT DIVISION, FOOD AGENCY -
WHEAT; AND MR. SHIGEHIRO MOMIYAMA, CHIEF, OIL AND FATS DIVISION,
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FOOD MARKETING BUREAU - SOYBEANS.

4. TEAM WILL LEAVE TOKYO JULY 4 AND ALL MEMBERS WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON THROUGH JULY 6. OTHERS MAY STAY ON THROUGH 11 TH SO AS TO REVIEW CROP REPORT SCHEDULE PREPARED FOR ISSUANCE JULY 10.

5. YOSHIOKA CALLED SPECIALLY TO REQUEST PAUL SONE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WHEAT ASSOCIATES, TOKYO, TO ACCOMPANY TEAM AS TRANSLATOR. SONE, WITH SOME 14 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE WHEAT ASSOCIATES OFFICE IN TOKYO, HAS UNIHUE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THI JOB AND AG ATT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS CONCURRENCE.

6. ATTENTION THOMASSON: BASIS OF THIS REQUEST IS THAT STONE' S TRANSPORTATION AND PR DIEM BE PAID FROM WHEAT ASSOCIATES PROJECT, WHICH IS OKAY WITH US AS WELL AS AG ATT. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT APPROVAL FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

7. HUME INDICATED TO IOANES IN TELECON JUNE 22 THAT YOSHIOKA WOULD TRAVEL WITH TEAM. MR. SAWABE IS HIS REPLACEMENT. INGERSOLL

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